

METHODISTS ADJOURN QUADRENNIAL SESSION

Granting of Lally Rights to Women
One of Important Achievements of Conference.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS FIXED
Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Assigned to Mexican Conferences and Missions—Sunday Amusements for Soldiers—Dancing Tabooed.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., May 18.—The eighteenth quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, characterized as one of the most progressive ever held in the history of the church, was adjourned here this afternoon. The conference will meet again on the first Wednesday in May, 1922, the place to be fixed by a committee.

Among the outstanding measures passed by the conference were the changes in the order of the ritual from "the holy catholic church" to "Christ's holy church," and granting of lally rights to women.

Announcement of the boundaries of the Episcopal districts as decided upon by the college of bishops, was the principal business transacted at today's session. The districts are given below:

First District—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Western Virginia, Virginia and Baltimore conferences.

Second District—Bishop Warren A. Candler, North Georgia, South Georgia and Florida conferences.

Third District—Bishop James Atkins, Tennessee, North Alabama and Memphis conferences.

Fourth District—Bishop Collins Denny, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisville and Holston conferences.

Fifth District—Bishop J. C. Kilgo, North Mississippi, Louisiana and Mississippi conferences.

Sixth District—Bishop W. B. Murrah, Denver, Missouri, Southwest Missouri and St. Louis conferences.

Seventh District—Bishop W. H. Lambuth, war work and African mission.

Eighth District—Bishop E. D. Moxon, Western Oklahoma, East Oklahoma, Little Rock and North Arkansas conferences and the Indian mission.

Ninth District—Bishop J. C. McCoy, Alabama conference and Cuban mission.

Tenth District—Bishop John M. Moore, Brazil and South Brazil conferences.

Eleventh District—Bishop W. F. Murray, Japan, Korea and China missions.

Twelfth District—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., the Mexican conferences and missions.

Thirteenth District—Bishop H. M. Dubose, Pacific, Los Angeles and New Mexico conferences.

Fourteenth District—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, North and South Carolina conferences.

Fifteenth District—Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, Texas conference.

Another effort to-day to have the church conferences elect church stewards was defeated.

Lally rights for women again came to the fore when the question of proper presentation of the matter by the bishops at the annual conferences was discussed. The bishops were requested to put the question in this form: "Shall lally members be eligible to all conferences, boards and lay offices without reference to sex?"

Sunday amusements for soldiers and dancing among church members was discontinued.

The report of the committee on education, asking the church to raise \$12,000,000 for schools and colleges and \$5,000,000 for Emory and Southern Methodist Universities was adopted.

TWO HUNDRED ARE DEAD
IN THUNDEROUS BLAST
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ers when the first explosion occurred, and escaped with slight bruises.

"I was sitting with two friends about 100 feet from the T. N. T. stock-room when the blast came," he said. "Without warning, I started up and up until I lost consciousness. When I hit the ground I came to, and my two friends landed about a hundred feet from me. I got to my feet and was hurrying away when I passed an injured man. I put him on my back and started from the plant when the second explosion occurred."

To-night portions of human bodies are being picked up a mile and more from the plant. Residents about Renardale reported seeing the bodies of men flying through the air, and early to-night arms and legs were being reported along the railroad tracks three-fourths of a mile from the Aetna plant.

Residents of the neighboring boroughs report the scene as one resembling the eruption of a volcano. Huge clouds of brown smoke rose in the air in dense volume, carrying with it a suffocating gaseous fume that spread over the countryside. These fumes and those of sulphuric acid that had been released kept off any one who would attempt to get to the plant on rescue work.

When the injured began to arrive at the railroad station in Pittsburgh the Red Cross procession was at its height. Without waiting to finish the line of march, seventy-five registered Red Cross nurses awaiting orders to go to France left the line of march and under the direction of Miss Catherine Dempster, secretary of the Red Cross nurses' organization here, commandeered first-aid stretchers being carried in the parade, proceeded to the stations and the hospitals, nursing forces of which have been depleted by the war.

Coroner Jamison and Sheriff Haddock, with a corps of deputies, have established headquarters about the scene of the explosion.

Youths of Twenty Caught in Raids

Germans Send Mere Boys to Capture Americans in Picardy Sector.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 18.—A German raiding party, consisting of fifteen men, led by a noncommissioned officer, attempted to penetrate our lines in the Picardy sector last night, following an enemy barrage. The raid failed. The leader was killed and several Germans were wounded, the latter being carried off by their comrades. The body of the leader was found this morning. Prisoners taken recently are all under twenty years of age. Committees have been appointed for the joint observance of Memorial Day.

The spell of rain has ended, and at present there is regular July heat on this sector. Last week was more quiet than usual, except for aerial activities. Many air duels were fought between French and German pilots over the American front.

of Washington, D. C., and a half brother, Willis G. Russell, of Glendive, Mont.

At the time of his death Mr. Russell was president of the Drakes Branch Leaf Tobacco Warehouse Company, president of the State Bank of Charlotte County, Inc., chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Charlotte County, member of the State Normal board and member of the State Democratic Committee. He was also a loyal member of the Masonic order.

For sixteen years treasurer of Charlotte County, serving with distinction, he declined reelection at the expiration of his last term. Mr. Russell was one of the most useful and highly respected citizens of this county. He was a man of sterling qualities, and was always an advocate of those things which tended to advance the interests of the community in which he lived.

He managed affairs with which he was connected, both public and private, with distinguished ability.

Thomas Effinger.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BLACKSBURG, Va., May 18.—The funeral of Thomas Effinger, the twenty-five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosa Effinger, was held from the Lutheran Church, Thursday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Brostus. Burial was made in the Blacksburg Cemetery. Mr. Effinger died Tuesday night at the family home in the country after an illness of two weeks. He graduated at the Blacksburg High School two years ago and was a student at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for one session, receiving a B. S. degree in 1916. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

John W. Thrift.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, Va., May 18.—John W. Thrift, an esteemed citizen and former of Dinwiddie County, died on Wednesday night at his home, near the courthouse. Mr. Thrift was in his fifty-fifth year and is survived by his wife and four children; also by three brothers, P. Thrift, of Dinwiddie, R. A. Thrift, of Newport News, and Charles B. Thrift, of Raleigh, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Rose, of Petersburg. The funeral took place from the residence this afternoon, with the burial in the family cemetery.

Captain Samuel C. Gresham.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LANCASTER, Va., May 18.—Captain Samuel Gresham, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Lancaster County, died at his home here after a long illness. In the eighty-third year of his age. He served as captain in the Confederate army and held successfully the offices of superintendent of schools, clerk of the court, commissioner of revenue, and commissioner in chancery. The funeral was held this afternoon from Trinity Episcopal Church.

Ernest B. Bradford.
Funeral services for Ernest B. Bradford, who died in Little Chute, Wis., will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Union Station Methodist Church, Rev. E. O. Davis, pastor of the church, officiating. Mr. Bradford resided in this city for a number of years, and while here was a member of the Bible class conducted by Frank T. Dietrich at Union Station Church. His body was accompanied by his father, mother and several brothers, of Marion, Ind., who with his wife and infant daughter survive him. His wife was Miss Jane Gregory, of this city.

William Dietrich.
PETERSBURG, Va., May 18.—William Dietrich, a well-known citizen, died at Staunton on Friday. He was a native of Klinesville, Pa., and moved to Virginia in 1880, making his home near Comptant for some years before coming to Petersburg. He was forty-nine years old and thrice married, and leaves children by each marriage. The body was brought to Petersburg to-day, and the burial will be in Blandford Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Whitesel Rogers.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HARRISONBURG, Va., May 18.—Mrs. Alice Whitesel Rogers, wife of Dr. C. Rogers, died Sunday morning at her home here. She was a daughter of the late Simon D. Whitesel and Catherine Andes Whitesel, and was fifty-nine years of age. Surviving besides her husband are an only daughter, Mrs. J. N. Beery, Jr., two granddaughters and two brothers, A. S. Whitesel, of Harrisonburg, and W. O. Whitesel, of Buena Vista.

Boarding Places.
Good boarding places are sometimes hard to find. You will find a place to suit you in the Want Ads to-day. Times-Dispatch Want Ads will bring good boarders. Call Randolph 1.

"BLUE DEVILS" ARRIVE IN RICHMOND TO-MORROW

Wounded French Veterans to Be Guests of City Until 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

MEN HAVE WON MANY HONORS
Come to Richmond Through Co-Operation of "Four-Minute" Men, Red Cross and State Council of Defense.

The famous "Blue Devils," 155 veterans of the trenches, will arrive at 5 o'clock. They will see and be seen in Richmond till 3 o'clock in the afternoon. They will be entertained by the Richmond Rotary Club, which has arranged for a mass-meeting in Capitol Square at noon, when one of the party will deliver an address. Governor Davis and Mayor Annelle will review the detachment. Immediately after breakfast at the Business Men's Club, on the top floor of the American National Bank Building, there will be a reception to the French-speaking population of the city, both men and women.

All Rotarians are requested to be at 1114a Station at 1 o'clock to meet the train, where American and French flags will be supplied for machines. They will carry the veterans to the Business Men's Club for breakfast. It is after breakfast that the reception to the French-speaking population will be held. This arrangement is made because so few of the men can speak English, and that they may meet French patriots and shake hands with their own kind, who are so justly proud of them. All who speak the French language are invited to the reception.

PUBLIC SPEAKING IN
CAPITOL SQUARE AT NOON
From noon till 1:30 Capitol Square will be the center of interest. The 165 "Blue Devils" with whom an hour has been called better than a decade in a library of heroic fiction, will be reviewed by the Governor and Mayor. The French-English commission has a splendid public speaker along with the detachment. He will address the throng expected in the square at noon.

The French-speaking people, who are invited to the reception, are also invited to accompany the "Blue Devils" in an automobile ride that will be sandwiched between the reception and the public speaking in Capitol Square. Lunch will be served to the men at 1:30, and after that event they, at 3 o'clock, leave the city to tell other townsmen of France and the French and to see what America is doing to-day in winning the war.

These men are coming to Richmond through the co-operation of the Four-Minute Men, the Red Cross and the State Council of Defense. They will be a big part in the Red Cross \$100,000,000 drive. Their entertainment is in the hands of the Rotary Club.

INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC INFORMATION
Colonel Eugene C. Massie received yesterday the following message from William Blair, director of the Four-Minute Men, Washington:

"Committee on Public Information very fortunately able to have 'Blue Devils,' remarkable veterans 'French fighters' in Richmond, on May 20. You as chairman of the Four-Minute Men, are asked to co-operate with the Red Cross to entertain them, arrange parade and do everything possible to give them good time, and tell the entire population of your community an opportunity to see them. There are 165, every one having a war cross for bravery. Members of 47 Corps having special training officers have ribbon Legion of Honor Commandant Lieutenant Le Moel, wounded five times, wears Legion of Honor, French War Cross, with three palms and two stars.

"Many of them fought at Verdun; a number fought in Egypt and Algeria. Majority of them have been wounded five or six times. Heroism is merely a part of a day's work with them. They all have vivid stories to tell, but only four or five of the number speak English. Lieutenant Le Moel, one of the officers, was blinded, and a German prisoner for eleven months. He was exchanged and returned to France, eventually regaining partial sight in one eye.

"DRESSED SO BLUE AND SO VICTORIOUSLY"
These fighters were called "Blue Devils" because they dressed in blue and fought so victoriously. They have made a tremendous impression everywhere. Their four or five bugles are truly remarkable. The French high commission is sending one excellent speaker with these men. As they are all wounded, it is very important not to overwork them, or to ask them to march farther than a short distance. Arranging automobiles, take them wherever they want to go. Local ex-honored men by local organizations; but they should not be large, because the men sleep in special cars. Red Cross canteens are undoubtedly glad to entertain them at some meals. Traveling expenses are paid by the Committee on Public Information."

Lieutenant Le Moel is the leader of the contingent. They are under the charge of Corporal Omerod, of Pershing's army. They do not mind marching some; and their bugles, who play well, are picturesque.

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PROVING MOTIVE
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ribbon, which was used to tie the floral tribute which the young dentist placed by the coffin of his dead bride. As the attorney had this in his hand, the young dentist bowed his head and placed his handkerchief to his eyes. It was the only time thus far in the trial of the case when the prisoner has been visibly affected by an occurrence in the courtroom. The ribbon bore two words, "My Wife."

Attorney Smith said at the adjournment of court that he expected to find many letters which would be favorable to his client. One telegram, which Dr. Johnson sent to Miss Ollie White, telling her "Alice is dead," was commented upon by Attorney Woodward as being evidence in favor of the prisoner.

The letters were too voluminous to allow reading in court yesterday, and for that reason no afternoon session was held. In the interim Mr. Smith and Judge Richardson will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the evidence. Attorney Woodward left yesterday to spend Sunday at his home in Wilson, N. C.

MANY LETTERS ADDRESSED
TO MISS OLLIE WHITE
In the suit case over which the argument arose yesterday, besides many letters, was the name-plate from the casket of Mrs. Johnson, the pink ribbon from the floral design, the handkerchief with the name of Miss White, a watchfob which Mrs. Johnson had procured as a Christmas present for her husband. Among the letters were five from Miss Ollie White to Dr. Johnson. The postmarks on two of these letters were November 15, a month to the day before Mrs. Johnson died, and December 11, just four days before the death. The letters are signed "Ollie."

These letters, Mr. Smith contended, were not legal evidence, because they were in the possession of a person written by a third party are not admissible against the party in whose possession they are found. As to one letter, written by Dr. Johnson to Miss White, Mr. Woodward maintained that the letter was found by Detective Willy in a desk in the office of the dentist. The letter, which was unstamped and in a private drawer, and as it did not come legally into the hands of the officer, it ought to be ruled out. Five other letters to "Ollie White," which Sergeant Willy secured from the father of Miss White, were also placed in the custody of the court.

DEAREST SWEETHEART
The five letters which Dr. Johnson wrote in Hotel Briggs, Wilson, N. C., the afternoon before he attempted to commit suicide, were also contained in the case. One of these was to Miss White, one to his mother, and three addressed to former class-mates. The letter to Miss White opened with the words, "Dearest Sweetheart." Mr. Woodward commented that part of the defense would be to show that the young dentist was at times a user of drugs, and that it may have been at such a time that he wrote these letters. About fifteen letters which were secured by the detective from Mrs. George Knight, the mother of the dead bride, and addressed at times to "Miss Alice Knight," to "Miss Grace Knight," to "Miss Grace Knight," were also in the little suit case. The last mode of address, it appeared at the hearing in Police Court some months ago, was used before the marriage of Dr. Johnson and Alice Knight became public. Miss Grace is a younger sister of the former Mrs. Johnson, and gave the letters to the older sister when received.

If the defense is able to break down its contention that the alleged engagement of Dr. Johnson to Miss Ollie White continued after his marriage to Alice Knight, the motive set up by the State, will fall with it. For this reason a bitter battle will be fought Monday, when the legality of the letters as evidence is taken up. Before the letters were taken up yesterday, Detective Willy related the

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VON HERTLING STILL DREAMS OF PEACE BY HUN VICTORY

Says Germans Would Joyfully Join An International Peace League.

AMSTERDAM, May 18.—"I am still optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said the German chancellor, Count von Hertling, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper, Az Est. "I cherish firm confidence that further events in the west will bring us nearer a speedy end of the war."

"If the world should end one day," said Count von Hertling, "Germany would unhesitatingly and joyfully join in it. Unfortunately, present conditions give very little hope of that. Our desire is to win and preserve peace."

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DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DRAKES BRANCH, Va., May 18.—A great throng of the friends of the late George Babcock Russell gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory Thursday at 11:30 A. M., when funeral services were conducted at the home, "Locust Grove," Charlotte County, by Rev. H. C. Pfeiffer, of Farmville, Va., presiding elder of the district, assisted by Rev. S. W. Wilkinson, pastor of the deceased, and Rev. A. B. Sauppe, of Richmond, a former pastor in this field. The interment took place in the family burying ground. The floral tributes were the most beautiful and elaborate ever seen in this section.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Bessie Proctor Russell, and two daughters, Margaret Elizabeth and Agnes Bedford Russell; one sister, Mrs. Cornelius Barber; a niece, Mrs. A. S. Page,